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# Frederick Bernard to "Ma," 19 January 18[?]

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New Orleans Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Ma.

We arrived on the 18<sup>th</sup> after being on the boat from Monday night until Thursday<sup>morning</sup>. The steam pipe burst and caused a great deal of alarm. We drifted some miles down the river. I write ~~and~~ tell you I am well, expecting you would be uneasy. Our boat stopped at Batonrouge our friend, Mr Hatch came on board and was very glad to see me. On board all was well. I went down street to day but ~~could not find~~ <sup>could not find</sup> uncle Tom. I will commence going to school on Monday. I hope you will excuse such bad writing but hope to do better next time. Mr Silcher leaves to morrow evening and has offered to take a letter. All the little girls or well Katy sends love to you give my love to Pa & grandma tell Pa I payed his bill to Mr Hardaway. I must close it is getting late good bye

your affectionate son  
F. R. Bernard

A Knife for Pa